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EDITORIAL.

FROM the preliminary list of papers sent out by the Secretary of the Geological Society of America, it would appear that an unusually interesting meeting may be expected at Washington during the coming holidays. The presidential address by Dr. Le Conte on "The Different Kinds of Earth-Crust Movements and Their Causes" will undoubtedly contain much of interest as the mature result of his long thought on the dynamics of the crust, and this will be expressed in his usual felicitous style.

It is always interesting to note the distribution of the subjects of the papers of so representative a body. Of the forty-two titles announced in the preliminary list, nine may be grouped under the head of areal or local phenomena; nine under the head of physiographic geology, a part of which are discussions of principles and a part of phenomena; eight under glaciology; four under genesis; two under chronology; two under chemical geology; one under palæontology, and one under correlation. This grouping is not, of course, exact, since many of the papers admit of classification under different heads. There is a notable scantiness of papers on petrography, which has usually been so prominent a feature of the Society programme. Doubtless this will be changed in the final list. As a whole, the synopses of the papers indicate matter of more than usual importance, and show a gratifying activity on the part of the members of the Society. T. C. C.